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SUBJECT : TECHNICAL AGREEMENT SIGNED

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER OF BAHRAIN, SHAIKH MOHAMMAD BIN MUBARAK AL KHALIFA AND AMBASSADOR EXCHANGED DIPLOMATIC NOTES, SIGNED PROJECT AGREEMENT AND EXCHANGED LETTERS REGARDING THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT ON JULY 24, 1976.

2. AT SIMPLE INFORMAL MEETING ATTENDED BY DEVELOPMENT MINISTER SHIRAWI AND LEGAL MINISTER BAHARNA, FOREIGN MINISTER REFERRED ONCE AGAIN TO IMPORTANCE BAHRAIN ATTACHES TO THIS PROGRAM AS A MANIFESTATION OF OFFICIAL U.S. INTEREST IN BAHRAIN'S ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT, ADDING ALONG WITH HIS COLLEAGUES THAT BEYOND THE SYMBOLISM BAHRAIN IS COUNTING HEAVILY ON THE INDIVIDUAL ADVISORS FOR THEIR EXPERT ASSISTANCE.

3. DURING MEETING AMBASSADOR URGED ON BAHRAINIS IMPORTANCE TIMELY DECISIONS ON REMAINING ADVISORY POSITIONS TO BE SELECTED IN VIEW OF LEAD TIME NEEDED TO RECRUIT EXPERTS. SHIRAWI AND OTHERS EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF RECRUITMENT PROBLEM BUT SAID GOB WANTED TO MOVE ERY CAREFULLY TO MAKE CERTAIN ITS CHOICES FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WERE SENSIBLE,
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PRACTICAL, REFLECTING HIGHEST PRIORITY. SHIRAWI ADDED THAT IN

RETROSPECT DELAY IN GETTING THIS PROGRAM STARTED MAY HAVE BEEN A BLESSING, SINCE A YEAR AGO GOB, FEELING UNDER SOME TIME PRESSURE, CAME UP WITH TEN POSITIONS, SOME OF WHICH DID NOT STAND THE TEST OF FIRE-EXAMINATION. THE POSITIONS WHICH GOB IS NOW REQUESTING FULLY MEET THE TEST OF PRIORITY NEED. SHIRAWI SAID GOB IS DETERMINED THAT THE REMAINING ADVISORY POSITIONS BE SELECTED WITH EQUAL CARE.

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